Rural infrastructure development under Bharat Nirman

2666. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bharat Nirman, the UPA Government's mega flagship programme for rural infrastructure development, is proving to be unsustainable and the scheme is offering short-term opportunities to a few contractors and may get stuck in a low-development trap;

(b) in what manner Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) has been helpful in developing rural infrastructure or it has been instrumental in delaying the development, the details of projects undertaken; and

(c) the tangible achievements of public private partnership in the first three phases of Bharat Nirman scheme and the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir. Bharat Nirman programme for improving the rural infrastructure is the cornerstone of the Government's policy. For 2007-08, Rs. 24,603 crore has been provided in the budget which marks an increase of 31.6 per cent over the outlay for 2006-07.

(b) and (c) The Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) has not received any proposal which relates to development of rural infrastructure under Bharat Nirman.

Five point plan of PM

2667. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister outlined five areas *i.e.* revitalization of rural economy, improved delivery of public services, improved management of urban areas, making our financial system more inclusive alongwith being globally integrated and putting in place a viable regulatory framework that ensures cost effective investment in the infrastructure; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet this five point plan in the next ten years?